. . . BURLAKOV FIRED AGAIN. President Yeltsin issued a decree dismissing Deputy Defense Minister Matvei Burlakov, who has been charged with corruption in connection with his tour as commander in chief of the Western Group of forces in Germany, ITAR-TASS reported on 9 February. Yeltsin had already suspended Burlakov late last year. The latest decree also announced the dismissal of Deputy Defense Minister Georgii Kondratev, who opposed the Chechen operation. Generals Boris Gromov, Kondratev, and Valerii Mironov were omitted from the list of deputy defense ministers released on 16 January. The 9 February decree does not mention Gromov or Mironov, so apparently they continue to serve in tandem with the officers appointed to replace them. -- Doug Clarke, OMRI, Inc.